

STATEMENT OF WORK
Forage Harvest Management (511)
Vermont

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables refer to those specific Statements of Work

Deliverables

DESIGN

1. Design documents that demonstrate criteria in practice standard have been met and are compatible with planned and applied practices
 - a. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
 - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
 - c. List of facilitating practices (i.e. Pasture and Hay Planting)
 - d. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses to develop forage management plans including but not limited to:
 - i. Description of stage of maturity when forage will be harvested
 - ii. Moisture content at harvest
 - iii. Length of cut when harvested for ensilage
 - iv. Stubble height
2. Written plans and specifications including sketches and drawings shall be provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to install the practice and obtain necessary permits.
3. Specification or job sheet provided to the client that adequately describes the requirements to apply the practice and obtain necessary permits.
4. Identify fields where practice to be applied on a farm or ranch plan map.
5. Operation and maintenance plan
6. Certification that the forage management plans meets practice standard criteria and comply with applicable laws and regulations
7. Design modifications during installation as required

INSTALLATION

1. Pre-application conference with client responsible for harvest.
2. Verification that client has obtained required permits
3. Application advise
4. Facilitate and implement required design modifications with client and original designer
5. Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during implementation. i.e. Vermont IPM, or National Organic Program standards.
6. Certification that the application process meets the forage management plan and permit requirements

CHECK OUT

1. Records of application
 - a. Extent (acres) of practice units applied
 - b. Documentation of stubble height for perennial forage
2. Certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits
3. Progress reporting
4. Exit conference with client and contractor.

REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Forage Harvest Management – 511 <http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/VT/VT511.pdf>

- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/scripts/lpsiis.dll/H/H_190_610_Content.htm
- NRCS Cultural Resources Handbook
http://policy.nrcs.usda.gov/scripts/lpsiis.dll/H/H_190_601_Content.htm